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August 22, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A  
Weeks Island Field  
Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Application is hereby made on behalf of The Meridian Resource & Exploration LLC and Louisiana Onshore Properties, LLC to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create an additional drilling and production unit for the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, as shown on the plat attached hereto;
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;
4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created; and
5. To exempt any wells permitted to the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A from the spacing requirements of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;

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7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent to the BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A.

The BF-4 Sand, Reservoir A, in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in office of Conservation Order No. 146-VV, effective December 18, 1996, as corrected by Correction of Office of Conservation Order No. 146-VV, effective December 18, 1996 (corrected Order No. to 146-WW).

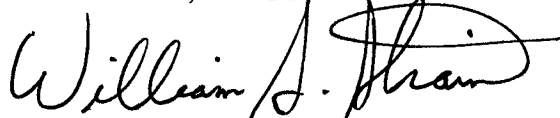
All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 225-767-2240.

A conference to discuss the proposed application and any opposition thereto was held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, August 20, 2001, at the offices of Strain, Dennis, Mayhall & Bates, LLP, 318 St. Charles St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. In attendance at the conference were the parties on the attached attendance list. Mr. Williams S. Strain opened the conference and then turned it over to Mr. Charles G. Smith, the applicant's consulting geologist, who explained the bases of the applicant's proposal. There then followed a period of questions and answers. All parties reserved their rights and the conference was adjourned.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the BF-4 RA SUB in the Weeks Island Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Additionally, enclosed is our check for the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL  
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cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Represented Parties  
Interested Owners

